THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Guidelines to PSUs on Project Affected Persons

2365. SHRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the guidelines issued by Government to PSUs with respect to the Project Affected Persons;

(b) whether Government are aware that the PSUs are very unenthusiastic in helping the PAPs displaced by their own PSUs; and

(c) what steps are being taken to see that the PAPs displaced or affected by the PSUs are given employment in the PSUs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) The Government has prescribed certain guidelines on land acquisition and rehabilitation aspects involved in major projects with respect to Project Affected Persons (PAPs) vide BPE O.M. No. 15/1384-BPE(C) dated 3.2.1986. A copy of this O.M. was annexed to the reply to USQ No. 3932 dated 26.3.92.

(b) and (c) As per available information PSUs are implementing the guidelines given in the O.M. dated 3.2.86. The guidelines provide for adequate responsibilities to the project authorities for rehabilitation of project affected persons. The project authorities are required to impart suitable education and training to enable some members of the evictee families to qualify themselves for employment and compete for the same alongwith others. Further, with a view to encouraging the dispossessed families taking to useful avocations like poultry farming, animal husbandry etc., the project authorities assist the concerned State Governments in organising and financing such activities.

Condition of Hospitals in Delhi

2366. SHRI INDER KUMAR GUJRAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have seen the media reports that the hygenic conditions in the Hospitals are unsatisfactory and there is paucity of medicines; and

(b) the steps Government are contemplating to improve the State of Hospitals in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) and (b) No report for paucity of medicines has been received from Central Government hospitals. By and large the sanitary conditions of Government hospitals are satisfactory. Hospital authorities monitor the measures taken for maintaining sanitary conditions constantly Government have also issued instructions to Central Government hospitals to improve the hygenic conditions of the hospitals from time to

Interaction with Beedi & Cigar Workers of Tamil Nadu

2367. SHRI V. RAJAN CHELLAPPA:
SHRI S. AUSTIN:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have sent any team of officials to interact with beedi and cigar workers in Tamil Nadu;

(b) whether it is a fact that World Health Organisation has agreed to fund activities for retraining beedi workers of Tamil Nadu into other trades;

(c) the amount of funds received from World Health Organisation; and

(d) whether any consultations have been held with the Tamil Nadu Government on ways to spend this money, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) & (d) Does not arise.

Taking-over of Joint Ventures by MNCs

2368. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: SHRI RAGHAVJI:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have seen a report titled "Tie-up with MNCs breweing trouble for corporates" appearing in the weekend issue of the daily "The Observer of Business and Politics" dated the 21st January, 1995 and if so, what are the facts thereof; and

(b) whether Government would consider formulating and implementing detailed guidelines to ensure that Multinational companies are not able to push out Indian partners from their joint ventures once these ventures become successful?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (Yes, Sir.

(b) Various Policy initiatives adopted by the Government to attract foreign investment and technology transfer have already been spelt out in the Statement on Industrial Policy tabled in both the Houses of the Parliament on 24th July, 1991. The promotion of foreign direct investment is an important corner-stone of the major programme of economic reforms which seeks to move India rapidly into the global economy, make Industry internationally competitive, ensure optimal utilisation of human resources and transform India into a major partner of the developed and developing nations. Over the last 40 years, Indian industry has developed its own resilience and strength and is ready for a more dynamic relationship with foreign industry in terms of both technology and investments, so as to exploit global marketing and export opportunities, emerging managerial techniques and technologies and be internationally competitive. Provision of majority control ensures not only control but by interest in the technological and commercial viability of the project by the FCs.

In an economy in which cross-border capital inflows are allowed, the management structure and share holding pattern of individual companies are to be determined by the sharesholders themselves, subject to SEBI's (substantial acquisition of shares and takeovers) Regulations, 1994. Further, the acquisition of equities of Indian companies on a preferential basis is subjejct to SEBI's guidelines of 4th August, 1994 which stipulate a five year lock-in period plus a market based pricing formula. The acquisition of share by MNCs, in Indian companies is also subject to approval by the Reserve Bank of India or the Government of India. The acquisition of equities of Indian Existing companies are permitted by the RBI to raise their foreign equity under the automatic approval route up to 51% in high priority industries listed in Annex III to the New Industrial Policy Statement, 1991. All other proposals involving increase in foreign equity are considered by the Government on merit.

Restrictions of minumum and the maximum limits of family pension

2369. MAULANA OBAI-DULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that prior to 1.1.86 besides restrictions on the minimum and the maximum limits of family pension, there were restrictions of maximum family pension i.e. Rs. 100/- and Rs. 160/- in cases of Government servants drawing pay below Rs. 400/- and Rs. 1200/- p.m. respectively;